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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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SUBJECT: GIS Data Standards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Reske

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Repeal of Intelenet Commission:* The bill repeals the law establishing the Intelenet Commission. It requires the Office of Technology to assume the functions of the Intelenet Commission.

State Geographic Information System Officer: The bill creates the position of State Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Officer to be appointed by the Governor after nomination by the nonprofit entity known as the Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC).

Duties and Powers: The bill requires the State GIS Officer to adopt or veto the GIS Data Standards and the Statewide Data Integration Plan recommended by IGIC. The bill also provides that the State Data Center of the State Library shall be the state's depository for GIS data. It assigns duties to the State GIS Officer and the State Data Center in implementing and enforcing the state GIS Data Standards.

Data Exchange with Political Subdivisions: The bill provides that a political subdivision maintains the right to control the sale, exchange, and distribution of any GIS data or framework data provided by the political subdivision to the state. The bill also provides that the State GIS Officer may require, as a condition of a data exchange agreement, that a political subdivision follow the GIS data standards and the statewide data integration plan when the political subdivision makes use of the GIS data or framework data provided by the state. It prohibits the IGIC, the State GIS Officer, or the state data center from recommending or restricting standards for GIS hardware or software that a proprietary vendor provides to a political subdivision.

Buy Indiana Presumption: The bill also provides that the "Buy Indiana Presumption" shall be observed in all procurement decisions related to the state GIS data standards.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - The bill will have minimal increased costs for a State GIS Officer and to develop data standards and a statewide data integration plan. The State Data Center currently receives federal funds, but under the bill may receive additional appropriations from the General Assembly through a nonreverting fund created in the bill. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Repeal of Intelenet Commission: The repeal of the Intelenet Commission would have no fiscal impact. The duties of the quasi-governmental agency have already been assumed by the Office of Technology under the statutory provisions in IC 4-13.1-2. The statutory sites concerning the Intelenet Commission were left in place to resolve issues concerning outstanding debt. These issues have now been resolved.

State Geographic Information System Officer: The Governor will appoint the State GIS Officer based on the recommendation of the Indiana Geographic Information Council or its successor organization. If the State GIS Officer vetoes recommendations concerning standards and plans made by the IGIC, or if the IGIC ceases to exist, additional costs may be incurred for the State GIS Officer to prepare new standards and plans. Salary expenses will be paid from the Indiana Mapping Data and Standards Fund (see below).

Duties of the State GIS Officer: Some of the responsibilities of the State GIS Officer include the following:

- Function as the state's chief officer for GIS matters;
- Review and approve/veto GIS data standards and the Statewide Data Integration Plan;
- Administer and enforce the state standards and the Plan;
- Coordinate the State Data Center's duties;
- Act as the state's representative for requesting grants and preparing funding proposals and to represent the state to federal agencies;
- Coordinate any GIS projects involving the State Data Center or a state agency;
- Publish biennial reports;
- Facilitate GIS data cooperation among federal, state, and local units;
- Coordinate with state educational institutions to promote GIS education, provide informal GIS learning, coordinate research assets, and implement outreach network to political subdivisions.

State Data Center: Under the bill, the State Data Center is the state depository for all GIS data and framework data obtained by a state agency. With certain exceptions, the State Data Center will provide public access to GIS data and the framework data in locations throughout Indiana. Expenses for these and other responsibilities under the bill are to be paid from the Indiana Mapping Data and Standards Fund established under the bill.

Indiana Mapping Data and Standards Fund: The Indiana Mapping Data and Standards Fund is established under the bill to fund GIS grants and administer the provisions of the chapter. The Fund consists of appropriations made by the General Assembly and gifts or grants to the state. The Fund would not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Background on the State Data Center: The State Data Center assists the Census Bureau by disseminating Census and other federal statistics through a statewide network of affiliates located in state agencies, universities, libraries, local planning agencies, small business development centers, and nonprofit

organizations. The Indiana State Data Center Program has two coordinating agencies: the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. The State Data Center is funded with a federal grant for library museums and currently employs a coordinator for the Indiana Map.

Background on the Indiana Geographic Information Council: The Indiana Geographic Information Council is a nonprofit, private organization with offices in the State Library.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) *Data Exchange with Political Subdivisions:* The bill would have no fiscal impact to the extent that it specifies that the state and the State GIS Officer may not recommend or restrict standards for GIS hardware or software that a proprietary vendor provides to a political subdivision.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) *Data Exchange with Political Subdivisions:* The bill would have no fiscal impact for political subdivisions, but rather specifies that as current law allows, the political subdivision controls its GIS data or framework data.

State Agencies Affected: State Data Center.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/whoweare/datacenter.html>; Ron Sharp, 317-232-3727.

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